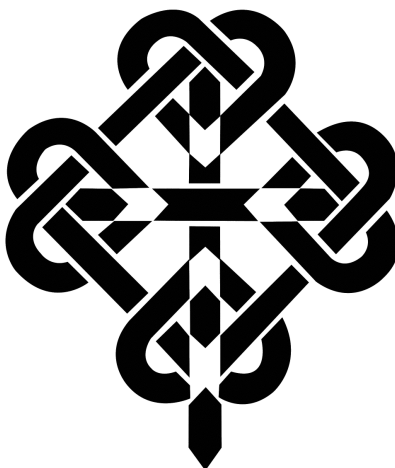


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



*The whole body joined and knit together...  
building itself up in love.  
— Ephesians 4:16 —*

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31, 2021

### Who We Seek to Be

*In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of*

**Joyful Worship**, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

**Loving Fellowship**, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

**Life-changing Learning**, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

**Enthusiastic Service**, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*  
*A Mighty Fortress*

arr. By Medema  
arr. Rodriguez

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**All: there is no end to his greatness.**

Pastor: One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your power.

**All: All your works praise you, Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.**

Pastor: They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power.

**All: Our mouths shall speak the praise of the Lord: Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

### \* INVOCATION



1. A might-y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And tho' this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un -  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our Help - er He, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right Man on our side, the  
 do - us, we will not fear, for God has willed His  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient  
 Man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness  
 Him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred

foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
 be? Christ Je - sus, it is He! The Lord of Hosts His name,  
 grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate; on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still— His king - dom is for - ev - er!

# WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (in unison)

KATHERINE ANDERSON

**In every age, God has raised up men and women to live and die in faith.  
We need God's forgiveness for our indifference to his will.  
He has commanded us to speak, but at times we have been silent.  
He has called us to do what is just, but at times we have been fearful.  
We need God's mercy when we are indeed faithless servants.  
May we be encouraged by the faithful lives of those that have gone before us;  
May we be empowered to overcome sin by the Spirit who is within us;  
May we be emboldened to stand for truth because God is for us.**

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment in the bass line.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God."

Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV

\* ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

**All: To him who loves us and frees us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share God's peace with those around you.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Dale Wood  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And our confidence alone.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful  
All the gifts they ask to gain;  
What they gain from you forever  
With the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in your glory  
Evermore with you to reign.

To this temple where we call you,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come, with all your loving-kindness,  
Hear your people as they pray;  
And your fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls today.

Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one:  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*(Children remain seated during the Children's Blessing,  
then will be led to their children's worship space.)*

**WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE

\* HYMN: *O God Our Help in Ages Past*

*Unison:* 1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our  
*Harmony:* 2. Un - der the shad - ow of Your throne Your  
*Men:* 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or  
*Women:* 4. A thou - sand a - ges in Your sight Are  
*Organ:* 5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon  
*Unison:* 6. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our

hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is Your  
 earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that  
 bears us all a - way; We fly for - got - ten,  
 hope for years to come, Still be our guide while

storm - y blast, And our c - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 You are God, To end - less years the same.  
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.  
 trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

*(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)*

READERS: *Eric and Andrea Carradus*

### \* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 46*

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth  
give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the  
city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
<sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.  
<sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
<sup>8</sup> Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

### \* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Timothy 3:14-17*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### *2 Peter 1:16-21*

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. NIV

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* CLOSING HYMN: *In Christ Alone*

Getty/Townend



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. In Christ a-lone - who took on flesh, Ful-ness of  
3. There in the ground His bo-dy lay, Light of the  
2 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the  
light, my strength, my song; this cor-ner stone, this sol-id  
God in help-less babe. This gift of love and right-eous  
world by dark-ness slain; Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious  
5 power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi-nal  
ground, firm through the fier-cest drought and storm. What heights of  
ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. till on that  
day Up from the grave He rose a-gain! And as He  
8 breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny. No power of  
love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri-vings  
cross, as Je-sus died, The wrath of God was sa-tis-  
fied in vic-to-ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on  
hell, no scheme of man, Can e-ver pluck me from His  
11  
cease! My com-for-ter, my all in  
fied; For ev-ery sin on Him was  
me, For I am His and He is  
13 hand; Till He re-tums or calls me  
all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine Bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ  
home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!



\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## **TODAY**

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Katherine Anderson will be available at the front following the service.

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Seth Ehorn, Vic Mala, Nathaniel Holman, Kathleen Mills, Sylvia Etherington, Chris Gilmore, Chuck King, Immanuel choir.  
Music is licensed.

**Thanks to our technical crew.**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.      **Youth Group** (Ministry House)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.      **Food pantry open**

**No Youth Group**

**No Adult Ed tonight.**

## **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday      9:30 a.m.      **Men's Bible Study** (childcare)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.      **Food Pantry**

Wednesday      9:30 - 11:00 a.m.      **Mom Talk** (childcare)

(see next page)

## IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

There will be no Adult Ed today.

**Adult Ed resumes November 7:** A class on the “History of African American Christianity” will trace the history of Christianity among African Americans from when captured Africans first became slaves in the American colonies to how Black Christians respond to present-day debates over Black Lives Matter, Critical Race Theory, and related questions. Emphases of the class include scene-setting for what enslavement and then racial segregation meant for Black churches, biographical treatment of important Black believers who deserve to be better known, and theological emphases that both resemble and are very different from White evangelical emphases. Teacher Mark Noll is retired as a history professor first at Wheaton College and then at the University of Notre Dame. He and Maggie have been members of Immanuel (with one intervening sabbatical) for more than forty years.

**Communion next week:** November 7, we will have communion during the morning service. If you are not able to attend Immanuel, you may pick up Communion supplies at the church during office hours Tuesday—Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or contact the church office and we will deliver!

**Narthex art work:** The wool art pieces in the narthex were created by textile artist Linda Lowe Oren, who taught art at Wheaton College for many years. These six pieces were purchased by John Walford and are a gift to Immanuel from the Walford family.

**Autumn Colors Cross Quilt:** The beautiful quilt in the narthex is the culmination of a project conceived and begun by Dottye Luttrell. Dottye and her daughter, Jennifer Luttrell Jordan, pieced the quilt as a new banner for Immanuel. Carol Wilhoit finished the quilt. Special thanks to Dottye, Jennifer, and Carol.

## NOTES

*ELDERS*

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard,  
Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

*DEACONS*

*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard,  
Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

*STAFF*

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;  
Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music;  
Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;  
Amber Johnson, Business Manager; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

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